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**Via Electronic Submission**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation, GN Docket No. 13-5; WC Docket No. 05-25

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association ("NRECA"), the undersigned met with Stephanie Weiner, Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Wheeler, and Carol Mattey, Daniel Kahn and Peter Saharko of the Wireline Competition Bureau in connection with the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the referenced proceeding.<sup>1</sup>

We discussed NRECA's principal points raised in NRECA's Comments filed on October 26, 2015, particularly the impact of the transition on the voice and data communications of its member rural electric cooperatives, focusing on the need for maintaining the coverage and reliability currently provided by TDM-based voice and data services and maintaining service continuity as telecommunications carriers migrate individual cooperatives to IP-based services.

In addition to expressing support for the proposed service quality metrics for voice services that must be met for streamlined treatment for Section 214 discontinuance applications, NRECA expressed support for AT&T's proposal for multiple speed options and classes of service options for replacement IP data services.<sup>2</sup>

If you have any questions regarding this ex parte notice, please contact the undersigned.

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<sup>1</sup> FCC 15-97, Rel. August 7, 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Letter from Daniel L. Talbot, Assistant Vice President, Federal Regulatory, AT&T Services, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, GN Docket 13-5 and GN Docket No. 12-353, Attach. 1 at 5 (filed May 31, 2016).

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Sincerely,

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